

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. This meeting is live broadcast on FCTV Channel 22 and will be rebroadcast during the week ahead.
2. The Town's assessing contract now includes provisions to do cyclical updates. This means that 1/4 of the Town will be reviewed each year (data and listing information) toward the end goal of the every fifth year revaluation/recertification process required by the State. Assessors will be out in the field more often looking at all of the housing stock. MRI personnel are in the field working on these properties, and they carry MRI Photo Identification and have with them, a letter from the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Heidi in the Selectmen's Office.
3. The severe drought continues to affect Fremont homeowners and our resources. The Town continues to monitor the situation as some local wells are going dry. All residents are asked to be cautious about water use, and conserve whenever possible. The Town is considering additional bans in accordance with NH Statutes to preserve our water. Another drought press release has been approved and distributed.
4. Fall Bulky Day will be held this Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 8:00 am to 12 noon at the Fremont Highway Shed.
5. The road race originally scheduled for October 22 has been cancelled for lack of adequate enrollment. The Parks & Recreation Halloween Party & Costume Parade will take place on Saturday October 22, 2016 at 77 Chester Road, Barnyard Buddies, at 12 noon.
5. Trick or Treat in Fremont will be celebrated on Monday October 31, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
6. The General Election will be held on November 8, 2016 with polling at Ellis School, open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
7. Veteran's Open House will be held on Thursday November 10, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

10/18/2016	Energy Committee
10/19/2016	Planning Board
	Budget Committee

Fund Balance follow-up: Carlson, in doing some research into the fund balance after the Budget Committee discussion last night, found that the Town of Windham has taken an alternative approach to Fund Balance by adopting the following as part of their policy: *"The Board of Selectmen believe that the DRA recommendations are excessive based on the past experience in this Town and the ability to hold a Special Town Meeting to raise funds, should the need arise. Thus, the minimum level of unassigned fund balance in the General Fund shall be maintained at \$300,000. The Board of Selectmen will however, review this information each year in order to determine the appropriate amount of unassigned fund balance to be used to reduce the property tax rate."*

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13 October 2016

17 October 2016

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input

Tobi Dabrio – Ballot Clerk

Appointment of other new Ballot Clerks

7:00 pm Department Heads

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The 2016 tax rate has been set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration at \$29.88. This represents a decrease in the Town rate of \$0.48; increase in the County rate of \$0.01; and increase in the School rate of \$1.35 (including Local and State school portions). Carlson presented the 2016 second issue property tax warrant for Board signature in the amount of \$6,086,873.00.

2. Budgets:

4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector

4194 General Government Buildings – final copy distributed

4130 Executive – Selectmen's Office

4155 Personnel Administration

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll \$46,190.68, which includes the Grassdrags for fire and police personnel. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$523,562.000. Both are for the current week dated 21 October 2016.

2. Carlson presented a letter from Gerry Tilley regarding the Wreaths across America Program for December 2016. She is requesting permission to place wreaths on Veteran Graves at the cemeteries, as well as hold the annual program at the Town Hall on Saturday December 17, 2016 at noon. Carlson has received feedback individually from the Cemetery Trustees that they support this program as they have in years past.

3. November Newsletter

Wreaths across America

Giving Tree

Daly Christmas lights article

4. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

5. FCTV Cable Revolving Fund Manifest 2016-015 in the amount of 678.20 for October payroll reimbursement to the General Fund

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Currently the Town is in need of alternates interested in joining the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a Rockingham Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee member representative, and a position on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Anyone interested could begin by contacting Heidi Carlson for more information or attend an upcoming meeting.

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

Personnel matter

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – by 9:00 pm